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On behalf of the Permanent Representatives of the States members of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf and in the capacity of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as Chair of the Council, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter (see annex), in response to the recent statements by the Chair of the Islamic Consultative Assembly in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ali Larijani, and Husain Ali Shahryari, member of Parliament.

It would be appreciated if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 68, and of the Security Council.

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We, the Permanent Representatives of the States members of the Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf to the United Nations, regret to call your attention to yet another flagrant interference by the Islamic Republic of Iran in the internal affairs of sovereign States members of the Council and of the United Nations. The recent statements by the Chair of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, Ali Larijani, and Husain Ali Shahryari, Member of Parliament, blatantly dismiss the ongoing endeavours by States members of the Council to enhance their cooperation through further steps of integration. Furthermore, the statements also clearly challenge the sovereignty and integrity of a State member of the Council, namely the Kingdom of Bahrain, by claiming the right to determine its political choices and affiliations in the matter under consideration.

It is most regrettable that Iran should persist in this aggressively hegemonic tendency in total disregard of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the basic rules of good-neighbourly relations between nations and the objectives and principles of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. Such statements are reprehensible by all standards and represent a totally unacceptable conduct, in form as in substance.

We believe that the Islamic Republic of Iran would be well advised to fully comply with international norms and standards that govern relations between equally sovereign States, based on the ethical and legal foundations of international law. It is incumbent upon the Islamic Republic of Iran to take immediate action to prevent the recurrence of such unconstructive statements that run counter to the interests of the peoples of the region and will eventually undermine the security and stability of the region as the whole.

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to the United Nations

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Permanent Representative
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